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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ruth E. ROSENHOLTZ et al.

Application No.: 09/682,229

Filed: August 8, 2001

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR GENERATING ENHANCED THUMBNAILS

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Examiner: Kyle R. Stork

Docket No.: 108762

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the February 16, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-22, 25-28 and 30-40 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-12 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over "Document thumbnail visualizations for rapid relevance judgments: When do they pay off?" by Ogden et al. (hereinafter "Ogden") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0006995 A1 to Smith et al. (hereafter "Smith"). The Office Action also rejects claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogden and Smith in view of "Perceptual Thumbnail" by Chiou et al. (hereafter "Chiou"), and rejects claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogden, Smith and Chiou in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,309 to Blumberg. The Office Action further rejects claims 21-30 and 34-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogden and Smith